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1. ETHIOPIAN PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT (EPMG) HAS TAKEN NO PUBLIC POSITION ON DIEGO GARCIA SINCE EPMG WAS PROCLAIMED IN SEPTEMBER 1974. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT EPMG CONTINUES TO PURSUE THE AMBIVALENT POLICY OF THE NOW DEPOSED IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT RE THE INDIAN OCEAN, I.E. TACIT SUPPORT OF US PRESENCE COMBINED WITH WAFFLING IN INTERNATIONAL (ESPECIALLY AFRICAN) FORA.

2. EMPG'S AMBIVALENCE ON DIEGO REFLECTS: (A) SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONARY REGIME'S INCREASED SENSITIVITY AT HOSTING RESIDUAL US
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KAGNEW FACILITY; (B) CONCERN OF SOME EPMG ELEMENTS THAT DIEGO US

BUILD UP LIKELY IMPLY TOTAL KAGNEW PHASE OUT WITH ADVERSE EFFECT UPON USG'S FUTURE WILLINGNESS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA; (C) LIKELY CONTINUED PREFERENCE FOR BALANCED GREAT POWER PRESENCE IN IO AS SUPPORTIVE OF ETHIOPIAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY VIS-A-VIS SOMALIA AND IN LIGHT SOVIET PRESENCE/POSITION IN BERBERA AND ADEN.

3. EPMG HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH NO RPT NO AUTHORITATIVE PRIVATE POSITION ON DIEGO GARCIA. GIVEN THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS DIEGO GARCIA RAISES FOR THE EPMG AND THEIR RELATIONS WITH OAU-AFRICAN AND EAST BLOC COUNTRIES AS WELL AS INDIA AND CHINA, ETHIOPIA'S POSITION SHOULD NOT BE ALLUDED TO IN CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY.

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